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APPARATUS, METHOD FOR ENRICHMENT OF THE HEAVY

ISOTOPES OF OXYGEN AND PRODUCTION METHOD FOR

HEAVY OXYGEN WATER

Commissioner for Patents

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Art Unit 1754

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 8, 2002, applicants elect Species I. Claims 13-17 and 20-24 read on this species..

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